

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB667

Hearing Date: Monday February 04, 2019
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Vargas
One Liner: Adopt the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Chambers, Crawford, Hansen, M., Lathrop
Nay:	2	Senators Halloran, Slama
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Hansen, B.

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Tony Vargas
Susan Martin
Colby Coash

Representing:

District 7 Senator
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Nebraska Association of School Boards; NE Council of
School Administrators; NE State Education Association;
Stand for Schools

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 667 creates the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act (YOLO). The intent of the bill is to offer training services to young people and expose them to potential employment opportunities in the state. The bill creates a grant fund within the Department of Labor to provide training for young people in the state. The bill intends to appropriate twenty million dollars for fiscal year 2019-20.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee held a hearing on AM3238 on August 6, 2020.

Testifying:

Proponents:

Senator Vargas - Introducer
Maggie Ballard - Heartland Family Service
Terrence O'Donnell - Self
Joe Swanson - Self

Andrea Skolkin - Health Center Association of Nebraska/One World Health Center
William Bolanos - United Food Commercial Workers
Rayko Garcia - United Food Commercial Workers
Arasay Rivero - United Food Commercial Workers
Gracila Billington - United Food Commercial Workers
Eric Reeder - United Food Commercial Workers
Denise Bowyer - Solidarity with Packing Plant Workers
Carol Windrum - Mothers and Others: Justice and Mercy for Immigrants
Hannah Wyble - Restoring Dignity
Christian Munoz - Self
Jose Garcia - Self
Jacqueline Gomez - Self
Alejandrina Lanuza - Heartland Workers Center
Gabriela Pedroza - Heartland Workers Center
Alexis Steele - Immigrant Legal Center
John Hansen - Nebraska Farmers Union
Ruben Cano - Self
Susan Martin - Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Renaë Nimemah - Self
Alana Schriver - Refugee empowerment Center
Mahamed Jimale - East African Development Association of Nebraska
Yolanda Nuncio - Solidarity with Packing Plant Workers
Schuyler Geery-Zink - Nebraska Appleseed
Abdi Mohamed - East African Development Association of Nebraska
Kathleen Grant - Omaha Together One Community
Eliana Ramirez - Self
Monica Mondragon - Self
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek - Self
Janet Pablo - Self
Michelle Devitt - Heartland Workers Center
Rose Godinez - ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

None

Neutral:

None

The committee voted to adopt Com AM3238 to LB 667:

Yes - M Hansen; Chambers; Crawford; Lathrop

No - B. Hansen; Halloran; Slama

AM3238 is a white copy amendment that replaces the bill with the following:

Section 1: Definition section. Defines: Coronavirus; Coronavirus test; Face masks; Hand sanitizer; Meatpacking operation; Meatpacking products; Negative test; Positive case; and Positive Test Result.

Section 2: Requires meatpacking operations to comply with section 3 and sunsets the act on December 31, 2021.

Section 3: Requires employers to maintain a six-foot radius of space around each employee and to provide all employees with face masks and face shields and requires their use by employees. Requires employers to provide sanitation and gloves upon request, also the cleaning and disinfecting of the workplace and provide air ventilation. Requires the screening of every person entering a meatpacking operation including a temperature check and a questionnaire about possible symptoms of coronavirus.

Establishes standards for employees who may have been exposed to coronavirus and for those who are experiencing symptoms and awaiting test results. Requires tracking and reporting of positive results for each facility.

Section 4: Provides authority to the Department of Labor to enforce and administer the act and allows inspections.

Section 5: Declares an emergency.

Matt Hansen, M., Chairperson